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The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of ~~preventing and~~ reducing lower back pain with radiculopathy in an animal having lower back pain with radiculopathy consisting of comprising administering methotrexate to said animal at doses below 3 mg/kg so that lower back pain with radiculopathy is ~~prevented or~~ reduced.